

Church elects officers, adopts resolution

Parishioners and members of St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church elected officers for 1984 at the annual parish meeting held on December 19.

The following parish members were elected: president - David M. Irschick; vice president - Joseph T. Jay; treasurer - Edward Irschick; secretary - Paul W. Semak. Church Council: Rose Koleschawa, Joseph Krutz, Nicholas Melnik, John Nuydich, Debra Serniak, Irene Szwedowicz, Robert Topp, Julia Zaczek.

Very Rev. Vladimir S. Bortchlevsky is administrator. The following resolution was passed: Whereas St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church has been an integral part of the

"On The Roses" Roster...

The Lady Rose By CHARLES BATHURIN

It's December, and winter is right around the corner. It's time for Christmas carols, the Rose Bowl, and for basketball at Sacred Heart. A common rule of etiquette states that ladies should go before gentlemen, so I shall introduce the girls' basketball team here and write about the boys' team at a later date.

The girls open the season with a feeling of youthful enthusiasm. Although they lack the experience and a lot of the leadership essential to a good team, they are made up of a diverse group of hard working athletes.

Much of the leadership of the team falls upon the capable shoulders of two returning players from last year's squad, seniors Barbie Greene, center, and Dawn Peters, guard. The starting lineup are sophomores forward, Bunn Luzzo; and guards, freshman, Renee Caparelli and sophomore Marie Roberts. The remaining "vets" from last year's team are, junior Cally McAndrew, a forward, and sophomore

Michelle Bendersky, a guard. New this year are sophomores Mary Theresa Pidgeon and Elizabeth Rathbun, and both play center-forward. Freshmen on the team are Jennifer Emani, a forward, and Laura Milner, a guard.

The manager of the team is sophomore Jaime Corrigan. Robert Fitzsimmons is experiencing his first year as coach and he is assisted by George Ryduch.

We wish the girls the best of luck for the season.

The Naked Eye

This week's Super Senior - Michelle Bendersky, Jolly Junior - Pat Robinson, Silly Sophomore - Angel Lopez, Flirty Freshman - Pat Prior.

Our Couple - Chris and Faith, Cute Girl - Kelly Coo, Mike Garry.

Murf, have there been like months you can't remember? We see Kris N. has seen Vidal Salas lately, huh? Pat McKenna has seen John M. D. on the morning so Faith, we see that you finally gave Chris the answer to his question. I sure took you a long time. We see Mary J. riding around in an OSM lately. Is it S.E.? The Peepers



THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY OF THE LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S Hospital Auxiliary was held December 19. Shown with Pat Allen, second from right first row, president of the auxiliary, are the party committee and other officers, left to right, Roberta Casper, Lillian Wasieleski, Amy Monahan, Carolyn Cauce, Sister M. Cophas Ryan, I.H.M., executive director of St. Joseph's, Mrs. Allan, Rosemarie Pryle.



Lakeland student winds school award winners. Lisa Stead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stead, who's Who Among American High School Students, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, school year by Robert E. Chigarelli, secondary member of the girls' track team, student council, is also president of the National Honor Society. She plans to attend Messiah College where she will pursue a medical career.

Lakeland lists activities

December 19: December 19 - 7th grade meeting in the gym. 6:30 p.m. - J.V. game: 8 p.m. - Varsity game. December 20: Christmas programs by the music department in the auditorium. 6:30 p.m. - J.V. game: 8 p.m. - Varsity game. December 21: Christmas Party at the school. 6:30 p.m. - J.V. game: 8 p.m. - Varsity game. December 22: Christmas Party at the school. 6:30 p.m. - J.V. game: 8 p.m. - Varsity game. December 23: Christmas Party at the school. 6:30 p.m. - J.V. game: 8 p.m. - Varsity game. December 24: Christmas Party at the school. 6:30 p.m. - J.V. game: 8 p.m. - Varsity game. December 25: Christmas Party at the school. 6:30 p.m. - J.V. game: 8 p.m. - Varsity game.

Forest City BPW members hold annual Christmas party

The Forest City Business and Professional Women's Club held their Christmas Party at Ron and Maryann's Restaurant on Wednesday, December 7. President Jacqueline Schinsky presided over the dinner meeting. Mrs. Dorothea Bloxham was chairperson of the affair, assisted by Miss Elva Prince and Miss Josephine Sever. Mrs. Angeline Polonice was in charge of gift exchanging. Mrs. Bloxham also did the table decorations for the affair. Mrs. Lorraine Rutama played the piano for a sing-along, led by Dorothea Bloxham. The next meeting of the club will be an executive meeting at time to be announced. At this time the meeting dates and affairs of the club for the year 1984 will be discussed.

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Poinsettias are still popular according to local flower dealer

By MIKE PETROVSKY

There are basically two types of poinsettias, the single stem - single flower variety which are usually sold four of five to a pot and the branched type which can produce 15 flowers or more on one stem. According to Zrowka, the branched type seems to be the most popular. There are, however, two more expensive varieties now available, the poinsettia tree and the hanging basket poinsettia.

The poinsettia tree is grown by taping the main stem of the plant thus forming a trunk. The trunk measures three fourths of an inch in diameter and the plant will grow two to three feet taller than a normal poinsettia and will be able to produce 50 to 60 flowers.

The hanging basket poinsettia is trained to grow through the holes of a specially designed pot. Both the poinsettia tree and the hanging basket poinsettia are used primarily to decorate churches, institutions and business offices because of their large size.

"Thank you, or I'm sorry," Zrowka stated, "the average cost of a large poinsettia is about \$12 or \$15."

Though the poinsettia is most commonly known as a Christmas flower, Zrowka said that today's improved varieties in festive bloom

could be maintained for months after if the plant is kept at a temperature of 60 degrees F. is given an abundance of sunlight and if its soil is kept moist. The biggest factor in helping a poinsettia survive for a long time, as with most other large-leaved plants, is watering.

Zrowka advises those who want to keep the plants for a second year to start drying them out around the middle of March. Then the plant should be stored in a cool (50 degrees to 60 degrees) dry place until the end of May. The plants should then be cut 3 to 5 inches high and should be restarted by adding water to the soil and placing the plant in a sunny location.

In the summer, or once the night time temperature stays above 55 degrees F., the plants should be moved outside and placed in light shade. In late August the plants should be brought back inside and it should be put in a sunny location. Zrowka recommended that the day temperature at this time should be 70 degrees F. and the night temperature should not go below 60 degrees F. and that the plants should be fertilized with a liquid fertilizer.

Every other week with a teaspoon of 15-15-15 dissolved in a quart of water.

The most crucial part in getting the poinsettia to bloom again for next Christmas comes between October 1, and Thanksgiving. During this time, Zrowka advises, the plant should be given at least 15 hours of total darkness until the buds are well formed. This can be accomplished by covering the plant with a light proof bag from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. "If this (process) does not succeed," Zrowka added, "buy another plant and try again next year."

Other poinsettia facts: The colorful petal-like bracts of the plant serve to attract insects for pollination.

When watering a poinsettia, spray the plant with tepid water.

If exposed to dry air, the plant will suffer from attacks by the mealy bug, the scale insect and sometimes by the red spider mite.

When the plant is damaged it will emit a white liquid which is very poisonous. To stop the plant from "bleeding" apply a turning match or candle to the "injured" area.

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Local YMCA lists upcoming classes

The Carbondale YMCA will offer Calligraphy classes on Monday, evenings from 7 to 8 p.m., for six weeks beginning January 8. Classes will be taught by Myles Jacques, who will include instruction for both beginning and advanced students.

A six-week session of Arts and Crafts classes for adults will begin on January 12. Classes will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. under the instruction of Carol Rowland, activities director of the Carbondale Nursing Home.

A new series of youth programs will begin the week of January 9. Checkered classes for youths in grades K-5 meet on Monday afternoons from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., while those in grades 4-6 meet on Wednesdays at the same time. Participants in these classes will cheer for the teams in the YMCA Youth Basketball League on Sunday afternoons.

Arts and Crafts classes for youth in grades 4-6 are scheduled on Monday afternoons from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., and for grades K-5 on Wednesdays at the same time. Valentine's Day and winter projects will be featured in this season of classes.

Gymnastics lessons for beginners meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., and the advanced students have classes on Thursdays during the same time period. Participants in these classes learn skills on balance beam, uneven parallel bars, vaulting horse and floor mats.

Swimming lessons for youth meet Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Students in these classes are taught the skills of the YMCA National Progressive Swim program. And they earn certificates upon completion of the various levels of swimming skills.

Photography lessons at the Carbondale YMCA will be featured in this season of classes. All of these youth programs are followed by an optional open swim period from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays.

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WALTER ZROWKA, father of Dave Zrowka of Village Polo in Simpson, admires a large branched poinsettia plant. Dave Zrowka said demand for the poinsettias is growing every year. (NEWS Photo by Mike Petrovsky)

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